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BALTIC COAST CLOSELY GUARDED;
VON PAULUS TRIAL RUMORED

ILLEGAL EXITS, SMUGGLING REPORTED -- Morgon Tidningen, No 123, 9 May 50

People's Police Commissioner Niepsch announced at the navigation school at Wustrow that a close watch was to be kept along the Baltic coast in the Soviet Zone. About 7,000 persons have been ferried illegally to Western Germany or Scandinavia since the German collapse in 1945, he said. According to the People's Police, there is also widespread smuggling of nonferrous metals from Eastern Germany to the Western zones.

POLICE GET 2,000 NEW RECRUITS -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 111, 26 Apr 50

According to the Berliner Stadtblatt (formerly Social Democratic), the People's Police in East Berlin has recently recruited 2,000 new members. The number of new recruits has reached such proportions that the supply of East German police uniforms has run out.

VON PAULUS TO BE TRIED BY SOVIET COURT -- Morgon Tidningen, No 123, 9 May 50

According to a German lieutenant just returned from Soviet imprisonment, Field Marshal Friedrich von Paulus will soon be brought before a Soviet court for trial. The informant reported further that Gen von Seydlitz-Kurzbach has already been sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment. This report is quite peculiar, as it had been rumored previously that both these German generals had been selected as leaders of the German prisoners of war in the USSR. They were said to head an army of these prisoners, which was to be placed at the disposal of the Eastern German government.

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GENERAL DENIES VON PAULUS TO BE TRIED -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 127, 13 May 50

German General Schlomer, captured at Stalingrad and recently returned to Germany, reports that the Russians are still holding about 100 German generals in a prisoner-of-war camp outside Moscow. Thus far, 85 generals have been freed.

Schlomer reports that he lived for several months with von Paulus in a summer villa in a suburb of Moscow. Von Paulus had a certain freedom of movement. For example, he was permitted to stroll in the immediate vicinity, although he was under constant guard. He also had permission to visit Moscow, accompanied by a Soviet officer, but he seldom took advantage of this opportunity. Schlomer does not believe that the Russians intend to bring von Paulus to trial, as has been reported recently in a number of newspapers.

USSR PREPARING NEW CONCESSIONS TO EAST GERMANY -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 121, 7 May 50

According to the French-licensed Kurier, Eastern Germany's three Communist leaders have been called to Moscow to confer with Soviet leaders.

Western circles believe that the USSR is preparing new concessions to Eastern Germany, as a countermove against possible admission of Western Germany to the London Conference. These concessions would probably be the suspension of Soviet control over certain Eastern German industries, the taking of certain preliminary measures to end the state of war between Germany and the USSR, and the acceptance of the SED into the Cominform.

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